

58. (Amended) A surface covering comprising a primary backing and overlying and adhered to said primary backing is a secondary backing comprising at least one thermoplastic material having polymeric microspheres dispersed therein and at least one activated blowing agent, wherein said secondary backing is casted on said primary backing.

63. A surface covering comprising a primary backing;
at least one adhesive or polymeric precoat layer located and affixed to the primary backing;
optionally at least one intermediate backing layer located beneath and affixed to the adhesive or polymeric pre-coat layer;
optionally at least one reinforcement material layer or stabilizer layer located and affixed beneath the adhesive or polymeric pre-coat layer or intermediate backing layer;
and a secondary backing comprising at least one thermoplastic material located and affixed to either the adhesive or polymeric pre-coat layer or one of the optional layers; and
wherein polymeric microspheres are dispersed in at least one of the layers except the primary backing, wherein said thermoplastic material comprises a polymer or copolymer of a vinyl compound.

Please add the following new claims:

--64. The textile substrate of claim 23, wherein said textile substrate is a modular carpet tile.

65. The textile substrate of claim 23, wherein said textile substrate is a six foot wide carpet.

66. The textile substrate of claim 32, wherein said secondary backing is a closed-cell foam.

67. The textile substrate of claim 58, wherein said secondary backing is a closed-cell foam.

68. The textile substrate of claim 63, wherein said secondary backing is a closed-cell foam.--